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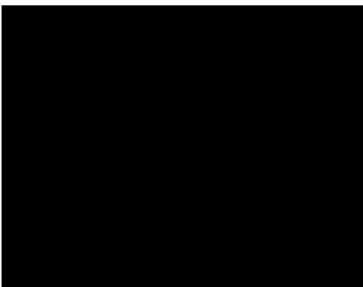
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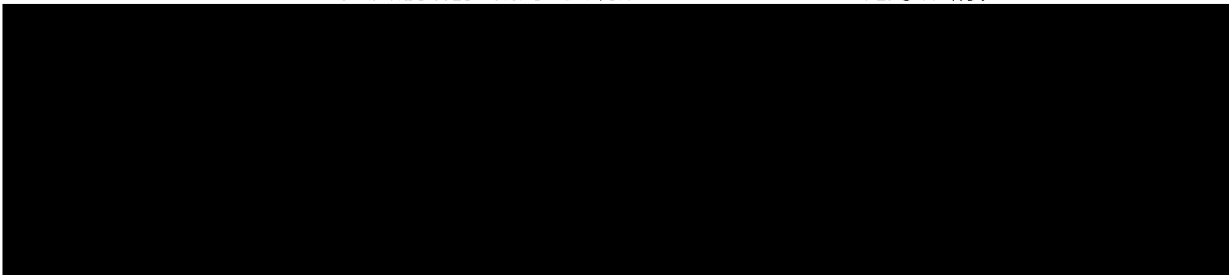
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- 1. The usual search was conducted at Gdynia and...
2. one light cruiser-type ship tied up to the East pier of Wojenny Basin #2...
3. construction in progress in the vicinity of the Naval Base north of the outer harbor...

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4. [redacted] about six ships 10 miles northeast of Bornholm Island on a heading towards Ireland [redacted]

The characteristics of these ships were as follows:

- (a) One ship had a heavy cage mast, large single stack, double break in the deck aft of the forecastle, rounded stern, two gun housings, one forward and one aft.
- (b) Two appeared to be DE-type with very small superstructure, and two enclosed gun mounts, one forward and one aft.
- (c) Three were small ships with trawler hulls, large superstructure and no armament. [redacted] any flags or ensigns.

[redacted] five or six trawler or minesweeper-type vessels steaming in column formation on a northwesterly heading close to the coast and well inside the Medrick line. [redacted] any of these ships with those illustrated in Navy Sighting Guides. Polish port authorities instructed me to stay well outside the old Medrick line while steaming off Polish coasts.

5. While ashore in the city of Gdynia [redacted] there was a general feeling of happiness at Stalin's death, and some of the population expressed the opinion that though the situation would not necessarily improve at least a change could be expected. Local authorities were extremely strict with regard to carrying foreign or local currency ashore. [redacted] Gdynia after dark an extremely dangerous area for foreign seamen, since knifings and assaults on them are commonplace.

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